

HOUSE RESOLUTION 131

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lee and Lee,
Attorneys, on the occasion of the firm's fiftieth
anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, attorneys Robert (Bob) Evans Lee and John Mark Lee are two such noteworthy citizens, and this year they, along with the firm's three other attorneys and their loyal support staff, celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their Lebanon law firm, Lee and Lee, Attorneys, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, the firm dates back to 1959, when Robert Ewell Lee, father of Bob and Mark Lee, began practicing law in Lebanon; Ewell Lee had been admitted to the Tennessee Bar the previous year; and

WHEREAS, born October 31, 1922, in Pontotoc, Mississippi, Ewell Lee served his country with distinction as a member of both the United States Army and Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II; he graduated from Union University in Jackson with a Bachelor of Science degree, and he continued his education at Cumberland University, from which he earned a Bachelor of Laws. From the University of Missouri at Kansas City, he received his Juris Doctor; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to serving the public with just as much energy and acumen as he brought to his private practice in Lebanon, Ewell Lee served his country as an Assistant United States Attorney General from 1966 to 1968; and

WHEREAS, he was joined in his Lebanon law office by son Bob Lee in 1977, and the practice became known as Lee and Lee; before entering the legal profession, Bob Lee had attended Cumberland University, and from Cumberland, he had transferred to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree; his Juris Doctor was earned at the Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, yet another Lee joined the firm; John Mark Lee, Ewell Lee's younger son, had earned his Juris Doctor at the Nashville School of Law and decided to add his name to the Lee firm shingle; Mark Lee had attended Cumberland University also, as his father and brother had, and he received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, all three Lees, Ewell, Bob, and Mark, practiced law together in the Lebanon office for nearly twenty years; on December 13, 2006, Ewell Lee passed away, leaving his sons to maintain the practice; and

WHEREAS, Ewell Lee enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of over fifty-nine years, Dorothy Evans Lee, and in addition to their sons Bob and Mark, the couple had a third son, David Allen Lee, who is deceased; and

WHEREAS, Ewell Lee was a Past President of the Wilson County Bar Association, now known as the 15th Judicial District Bar Association, and his son, Bob Lee, is a Past President of that organization as well; and

WHEREAS, all three Lee men have been active and important members of the larger community outside the legal profession; all have attained the status of Master Mason as members of Lodge #98, where Ewell and Bob each served a term as Master, and all have distinguished themselves as active members of their respective churches; and

WHEREAS, the second generation of Lee men are also known for their involvement in the local Chamber of Commerce; brothers Bob and Mark Lee are both Past Presidents of the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, both generations have dedicated their leadership talent to the Boy Scouts of America; Ewell and Mark Lee served as Scout Leaders, while Bob and Mark are both Eagle Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Mark Lee took an early leadership role in establishing the Lebanon Community Playground at Don Fox Park, ensuring that the community's children and families have a safe and pleasant public place to relax and enjoy the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Lee and Lee also serves the local community as general counsel for Habitat for Humanity of Wilson County, the partners help to ensure that Wilson County's neediest receive a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, the Lee family continues to grow and prosper, upholding the highest family values inside and outside the law office; Bob and Lucy West Lee have two daughters, Susan Lee Bennett and Rebecca Lee Walker, while Mark is the proud father of three sons, John David Lee, Michael Lloyd Lee, and Robert Daniel Lee; and

WHEREAS, the Lees have always epitomized the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; their dedication to serving each client with the utmost alacrity and professionalism is a credit to their community and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lee and Lee, Attorneys, on the occasion of the firm's fiftieth anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.